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GLORIFYING GOD IN ALL WE SAY AND DO



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Anthony Grove Family,

God's beloved,

Here we are—we've made it to the end of another year. This year has brought both ups and downs. We have each faced moments of tragedy, yet we have also witnessed the abundant blessings of God. In this final newsletter of 2025, we have many exciting things to share about the life of our church. My hope is that you will join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and King.

As this year comes to a close, it is my prayer that we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's birth. This Advent season invites us to reflect on the hope found in the One born to save the world, the joy of a restored relationship with God, the peace of knowing that death has lost its sting, and the love of a Father who left the ninety-nine to pursue the one who was lost.

May God send you into your workplaces, into the homes of loved ones, and into the world to share the good news of the Messiah who has come to save us all. I also pray that in 2026, God calls each of us to be disciple-makers as we fulfill the Great Commission together.

Happy Christmas, Anthony Grove!

May God bless you and your family!

Rev. Michael Purcell

Pastor of Communication and Outreach

WORSHIP WITH US

WE'D LOVE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT EITHER OF OUR TWO SERVICES—8:30 AM OR 11:00 AM.

EACH SERVICE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC, SPIRIT-FILLED WORSHIP AND BIBLICALLY GROUNDED PREACHING THAT SPEAKS TO THE HEART AND SOUL. WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN WALKING WITH JESUS FOR YEARS OR ARE JUST BEGINNING TO EXPLORE FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY, AND ANYONE IN NEED OF THE HOPE AND GRACE FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST.

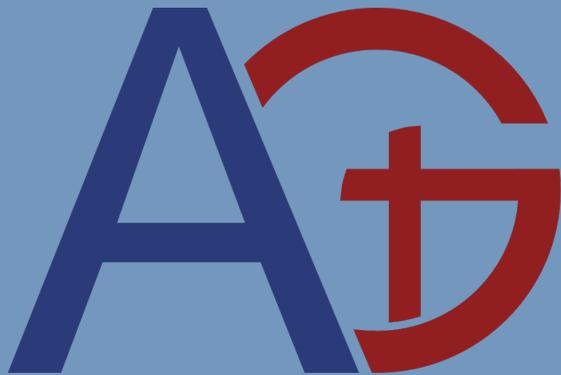
THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AT ANTHONY GROVE, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO WORSHIP WITH YOU!

AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS! JOIN US AT 5:30 PM FOR A DELICIOUS DINNER—JUST \$5 PER PERSON—WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. THEN STICK AROUND FOR OUR MIDWEEK SERVICE AT 6:30 PM AS WE GATHER FOR A TIME OF WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD TOGETHER. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



Update Your Calendars

- 11/9 CHURCH COUNCIL
SUN MEETING - 4 PM
- 11/16 SECURITY TEAM
SUN MEETING - 4 PM
- PRAISE TEAMS
FRIENDS-GIVING - 5 TO 6PM
- 11/23 LAY MINISTERS
SUN MEETING - 4 PM
- WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE
TUE - 6:30 PM



CHURCH EVENTS

NOV 4th ELECTION DAY
GO & VOTE

NOV 11th VETERANS DAY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

NOV 13th GoodTimers Meeting 6 PM

NOV 20th MAX JONAS COMMUNITY KITCHEN COOKING
4:30 - 9:30 PM

HARVEST OFFERING
NOV. 23 during 1st & 2nd Service



It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dec. 6th 10 AM - 2 PM
Here at Anthony Grove Baptist Church



You're Invited

Come enjoy a festive day full of "local vendors", "handmade crafts", and "delicious homemade goodies". From unique holiday gifts to tasty treats, there's something special for everyone!

Bring your friends and family, listen to live music, grab a cup of cocoa and soak up the Christmas cheer.

You won't want to miss it!

FREE ADMISSION

Date: 12/6/25 Saturday

Time: 1000 AM to 200 PM

Location: 100 Anthony Grove Rd. Crouse,
NC 28033

Grab a bite while you shop. Manantial Mexican Food Truck & Sour Mare food trucks will be here with food for a cost \$\$\$

Vendors

- The Vintage Lemon Candles
- Scentsy
- Mary Kay
- Twisted Southern Sister's Co.
- Creative Crowns
- Lindsey Baker Jewelry
- Mystic Mountain Soaps
- Chaos 88
- Arch Creation

And many more!!!

VERSE OF THE MONTH

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

MIGHTY GOD

FOR A CHILD IS
a child is given to us
BORN TO US

EVERLASTING FATHER

PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6

The Narrow Path of Grace

by: Pastor Michael Purcell

- 13 ***“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.***
- 14 ***For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.***

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (LSB)

Below is a haiku that I have written to reflect on the statement, "Sola Gratia" which is latin for "By Grace Alone". This is one of 5 doctrinal statements made by the Martin Luther as a foundation for Christian faith. This devotional is a reflection on this statement which can be found in 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

SOLA GRATIA

***The path is not wide,
The wider road has no hope,
Grace will carry me home.***

Grace is such a beautiful word.

It captures the depth of God’s love—a love so undeserved, yet freely given. We could spend a lifetime trying to grasp its weight and never reach the bottom. That’s why God defines His love with one powerful word: grace.

None of us deserve it.

Left to ourselves, we would all walk the wide path that leads to destruction. Our sin paved that road, and our rebellion keeps it crowded. Yet, God—rich in mercy—looked upon us in our brokenness and chose to lift us from that road. In His grace, He set our feet on a narrow path that leads to life.

This new path is not easy. It winds through a fallen world that resists God’s righteousness and rejects His truth. But we are not alone—Christ walked that narrow path first. He bore our sin, endured our punishment, and opened the way for us to follow Him through His grace.

Even now, we never outgrow our need for grace.

Every day we walk, we depend on His mercy to sustain us. And as we receive that grace, we are called to share it—to point others away from the wide road of destruction and toward the narrow gate of life.

Be a light on the path.

Let your life shine as a living testimony of God’s grace—so that others might see His mercy and find their way home.



Light At The Table — Christmas Presentation

You are warmly invited to join us for Light At The Table, a special Christmas presentation on Sunday, December 21, during both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

This inspiring program brings together our drama and music ministries to share a heartfelt story that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas. Through moving music and powerful storytelling, we will reflect on the joy, hope, and love that Christ brings into the world.

Following the presentation, we'll gather for a meaningful Candlelight Communion—a time of reverence, unity, and worship as we remember the precious gift of our Savior.

Make plans to be part of this beautiful morning of light, music, and fellowship. We look forward to celebrating Christmas together as a church family.



OUR MINISTRIES



WEE KIDS is an exciting time for our children to learn about the Bible, grow closer to Jesus, and have a great time with friends.

CHILDREN BLAST is where our children can worship together, hear an exciting message about the Bible, and understand how to be a part of the Anthony Grove family.



IMPACT YOUTH is dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of the teens in our church and the community. It might be the powerful Wednesday night message, the exciting activities, summer camp, or one of the other activities IMPACT generates. The leadership focuses teaching how to "Live It Out", even when faced with today's peer pressure.



IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS is dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of the college age students and young adults in our church and community. We meet to praise God, grow through the Word, and go into the world as Disciple Makers who want to see the Kingdom of God grow.

ADULT MINISTRIES

MEN'S MINISTRY focuses on helping men grow in their walk with Christ, while using your skills and talents to meet the needs of our community. That's not all, they have wild game cook outs, fishing trips and many other adventurous activities.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY is here to meet the needs of women inside and outside our congregation. They meet regularly to fellowship and support each other. They impact the lives of others by being an outreach program for military, foreign and local missions. Bonds are created in this ministry that last a lifetime.

GOODTIMERS Once you get a few years on you the fun has just begun. Whether retired, just plain tired, or active as ever, our senior group provides refreshment, ministry, and times of valuable interaction. A mentoring ministry gives older believers a chance to help disciple younger believers as we all grow in Christ together.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

BABY ROOM HELPERS

Our church is looking for people who want to work with young children and help out during Sunday morning and Wednesday night worship.

If interested, please see Penny Culp for more information.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Our media and production team is looking for volunteers to help with live streaming, cameras, and more. If you have any questions, or feel like volunteering than see James Richards.

HELP WANTED

BUS MINISTRY DRIVERS

Our Bus Ministry is need of a few people to help in picking up those who aren't able to come on their own to church.

WEE KIDS VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking adults who have a calling to work with our children during Sunday morning services. Be a part of teaching, molding, and leading our kids to be closer to Christ. Please ask Marygrace Moyer and Christian Hahn

MEET OUR PASTORS

DENNIS WHITE

PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



Pastor Dennis White, our Pastor of Discipleship, is called "to reach, teach, and preach Jesus to everyone God lets me, any way God wants me to!" His favorite verse is 2 Timothy 1:7, reminding him that God equips us with power, love, and a sound mind.

His favorite books of the Bible are 1 & 2 Kings, especially the life and ministry of Elijah. In his spare time, Pastor Dennis enjoys reading biographies and U.S. Navy books.

He is married to his wonderful wife, Joanie White, and also serves faithfully in our puppet ministry as the leader of our Clown Ministry.

We're thankful for Pastor Dennis and his passion for helping people grow deeper in their walk with Christ.



GO
& MAKE
DISCIPLES

CONNECT

WITH US     

SCAN ME!  

Help us by liking, following,
and sharing with others.





2 WAYS TO GIVE

1 IN PERSON AFTER SERVICE

2 GIVE ONLINE



KEEP IN TOUCH

TEXT AGBC TO 84576

OR





WELCOME

HOME

SUNDAY'S

@ 8:30 & 11AM